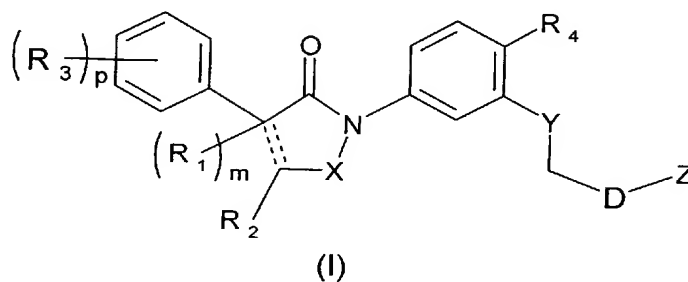


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented): A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

R₁ is hydrogen, hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, C₁-6alkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyloxy, C₁-6alkoxy or haloC₁-6alkoxy;

m is 0 when is a double bond and m is 1 when is a single bond;

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-6alkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyloxy, haloC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkoxy, haloC₁-6alkoxy, C₁-6alkylthio, amino, mono- or di-C₁-6alkylamino or an N-linked 4 to 7 membered heterocyclic group;

X is -(CHR₅)- wherein R₅ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, C₁-6alkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyloxy, haloC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkoxy, haloC₁-6alkoxy or C₁-6alkylthio;

R₃ is halogen, cyano, C₁-6alkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyl, C₃-7cycloalkyloxy, C₁-6alkoxy, C₁-6alkylthio, hydroxy, amino, mono- or di-C₁-6alkylamino, an N-linked 4 to 7 membered heterocyclic group, nitro, haloC₁-6alkyl, haloC₁-6alkoxy, aryl, arylC₁-6alkyl, arylC₁-6alkyloxy, arylC₁-6alkylthio or COOR₆, CONR₇R₈ or COR₉ wherein R₆, R₇, R₈ and R₉ are independently hydrogen or C₁-6alkyl;

p is 0, 1 or 2 or 3;

R₄ is halogen or C₁-6alkoxy;

Y is oxygen, sulfur, -CH₂- or NR₁₀ wherein R₁₀ is hydrogen or C₁-6alkyl;

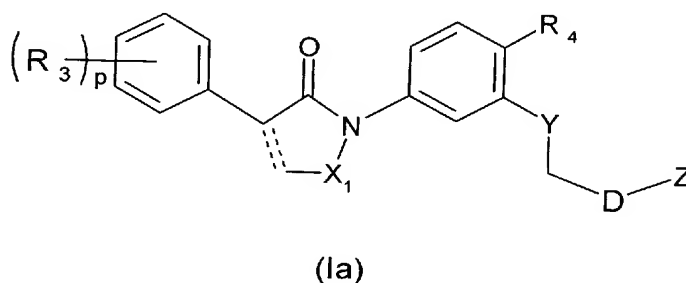
D is a single bond, -CH₂-, -(CH₂)₂- or -CH=CH-; and

Z is an optionally substituted C-linked 4 to 7 membered heterocyclic group containing at least one nitrogen, an optionally substituted N-linked 4 to 7 membered heterocyclic group, or Z is $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ where R_{11} and R_{12} are independently hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl.

2. (Currently amended): $[[A]]$ The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein X is $-CH_2-$.

3. (Currently amended): $[[A]]$ The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein when ----- is a single bond, R_1 is hydrogen, hydroxy or C_{1-6} alkoxy.

4. (Currently amended): $[[A]]$ The compound as claimed in claim 1 having the following formula (Ia):



wherein R_3 , p , R_4 , Y , D , Z , ----- are as defined in claim 1 and X_1 is $-CH_2-$ or $-HC(OH)-$.

5. (Currently amended): $[[A]]$ The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein p is 1 or 2 and R_3 is halogen attached at the 3 or the 3,4-positions of the phenyl ring.

6. (Currently amended): $[[A]]$ The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R_4 is methoxy.

7. (Currently amended): $[[A]]$ The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein D is $-CH_2-$.

8. (Currently amended): [[A]] The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein Y is oxygen.

9. (Currently amended): [[A]] The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein Z is an optionally substituted N-linked 4 to 7 membered heterocyclic group.

10. (Currently amended): [[A]] The compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein Z is piperidyl.

11. (Currently amended): [[A]] The compound as claimed in claim 1 which is:

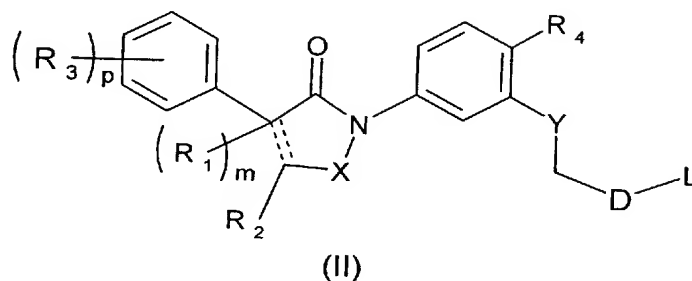
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-3-hydroxy-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;

- 3-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-(-3-[2-(4,4-difluoro-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-hydroxy-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 1-[4-Chloro-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-5-hydroxy-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-(-3-[2-(4,4-difluoro-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-4-methoxy-phenyl)-5-hydroxy-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-methyl-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-4-methyl-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-3-[2-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-3,4-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(piperidin-3-ylmethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(1-methyl-piperidin-3-ylmethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-one;
- 3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl)-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy]-phenyl}-3-methyl-pyrrolidin-2-one;
- 3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;

3-(3-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
3-(3-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methoxy-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-pyrrolidin-2-one;
1-{4-Methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-3-(4-methyl-phenyl)-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
1-{4-Methoxy-3-[2-(piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-3-(4-methyl-phenyl)-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
1-{4-Methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
3-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-1,5-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-hydroxy-1-{4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-pyrrolidin-2-one;
3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-fluoro-1-{4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-methyl-piperidin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-pyrrolidin-2-one;
3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{4-methoxy-3-[(1-methyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl}-pyrrolidin-2-one;
3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{4-methoxy-3-[(1-methyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl}-3,4-dihydro-pyrrol-2-one;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. (Currently amended): A process for the preparation of [[a]] the compound as defined in claim 1, which process comprises:

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II):



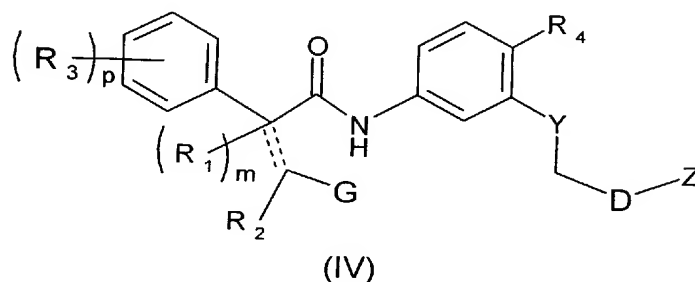
wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , m , p , X , Y and D are as defined for formula (I), and L is a leaving group, with a compound of formula (III):

$Z-H$

(III)

wherein Z is as defined for formula (I); or

(b) cyclising a compound of formula (IV):



wherein R_1 , R_2 , m , R_3 , p , R_4 , Y , D , Z and G are as defined for formula (I) and G is a group $-X=CH_2$, wherein X is as defined for formula (I), dehydrogenated as required;

optionally followed by:

- removing any protecting groups; and/or
- converting the compound of formula (I) into another compound of formula (I); and/or
- forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

13. (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound or salt as defined in claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

14. (Currently amended): A process for preparing [[a]] the pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 13, the process comprising mixing the compound or salt as defined in claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 15-18 (Canceled).

19. (Previously presented): A method of treatment of anxiety which comprises administering to a sufferer a therapeutically effective amount of the compound or salt as defined in claim 1.

Claims 20-22 (Canceled).